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- 11. This is in response to reftel request for post contact information for ASEAN related issues.
- 12. Embassy Jakarta's Political and Economic sections formed a joint ASEAN Engagement Team (AET) in December 2008. Economic Counselor Peter D. Haas and Political Counselor Joseph L. Novak co-chair the team. AET team members hold biweekly meetings and maintain regular informal consultations. Team members will coordinate information sharing and reporting on ASEAN matters and identify new policy initiatives and other opportunities to advance the USG agenda with ASEAN.
- 13. Primary responsibilities of the AET members are outlined below:
- -- Political Officer Matthew A. Cenzer (cenzerma@state.gov): Political and security issues, coordination with the Indonesian Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU) and with the permanent missions of ASEAN member states on ASEAN issues;
- -- Economic Officer Machut A. Shishak (shishakma@state.gov): ESTH and general economic issues, coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and with the permanent missions of ASEAN member states;
- -- ASEAN Liaison Officer Molly E. Mahar (maharme@state.gov): Technical cooperation, coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat, and general economic issues (part-time, job share with Spelsberg);
- -- ASEAN Liaison Officer Elizabeth A. Spelsberg (spelsbergea@state.gov): Technical cooperation and coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat (part-time, job share with Spelsberg).
- $frac{1}{4} ext{.}$ In addition to the core team members, the AET will coordinate with other Mission elements as necessary for specific initiatives.

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